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## FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Issued: 0800 CT

**Day 1 Weather Hazards:** *Elevated fire weather conditions across E NM, TX/OK Panhandles & W OK.*

**National Weather Service**

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# Key Points



## Today

- Elevated fire weather conditions across E NM, TX/OK Panhandles & W OK

## Thursday- Friday

- Elevated to Critical Fire Weather conditions over E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK & W TX on Thursday and possible again on Friday

## Saturday

- Isolated heavy rain/flooding possible over SE LA

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

## Jan 24, 2018 through Jan 28, 2018

DAY / THREAT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding				SE LA	
Fire Weather	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX	E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK		
Winds					
Winter					
River Flooding					

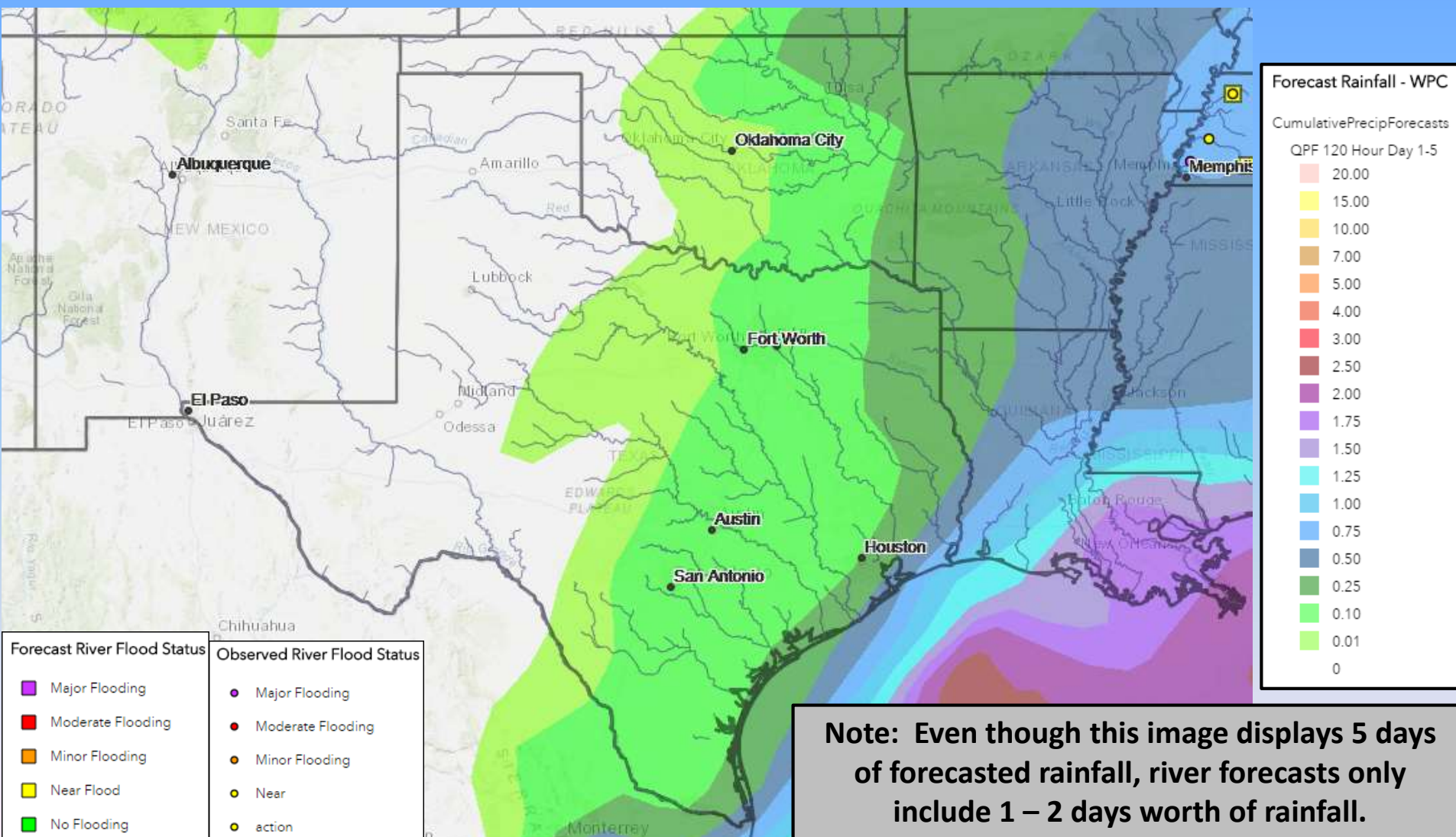
	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*



# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

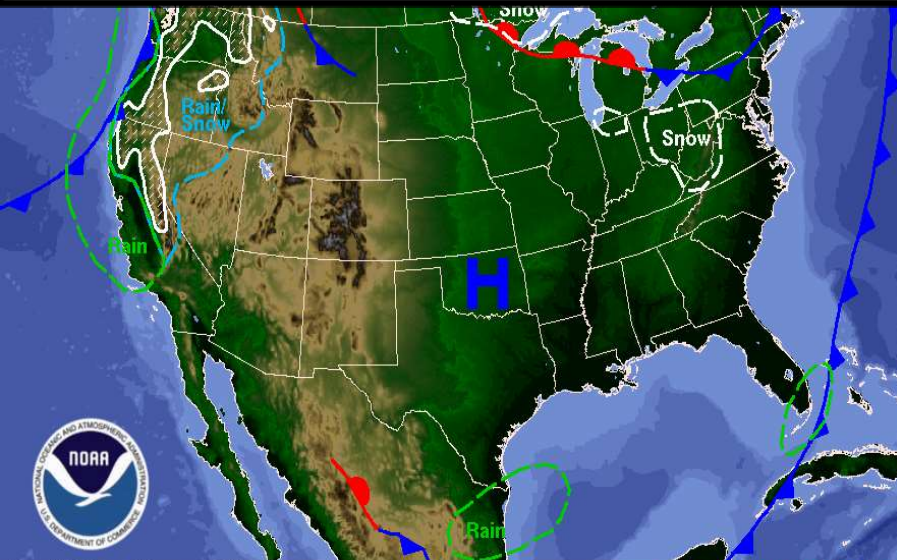
River flooding is not expected in the next five days.



See <http://water.weather.gov/ahps> for the latest on river flooding

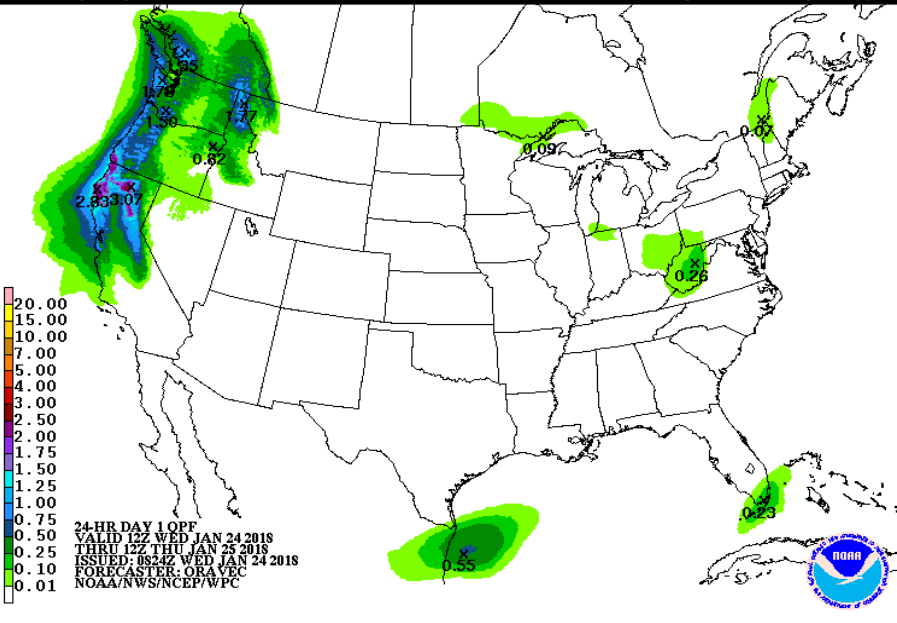


# Today's Weather



**Day 1 National Forecast Chart**  
Valid Wed, Jan 24, 2018, issued 4:16 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain  
Rain and T'Storms  
Rain and Snow  
Snow  
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)  
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)  
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)  
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



24 HR DAY 1 O-P-P  
VALID 12Z WED JAN 24 2018  
THRU 12Z THU JAN 25 2018  
ISSUED: 0824Z WED JAN 24 2018  
FORECASTER: OKA VEC  
NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

Elevated fire weather conditions over E NM,  
TX/OK Panhandles & W OK.

Highlighted Area: TENA Region 8

## Severe Weather Outlook Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Last Updated: Jan 23 2018 11:14 PM CST

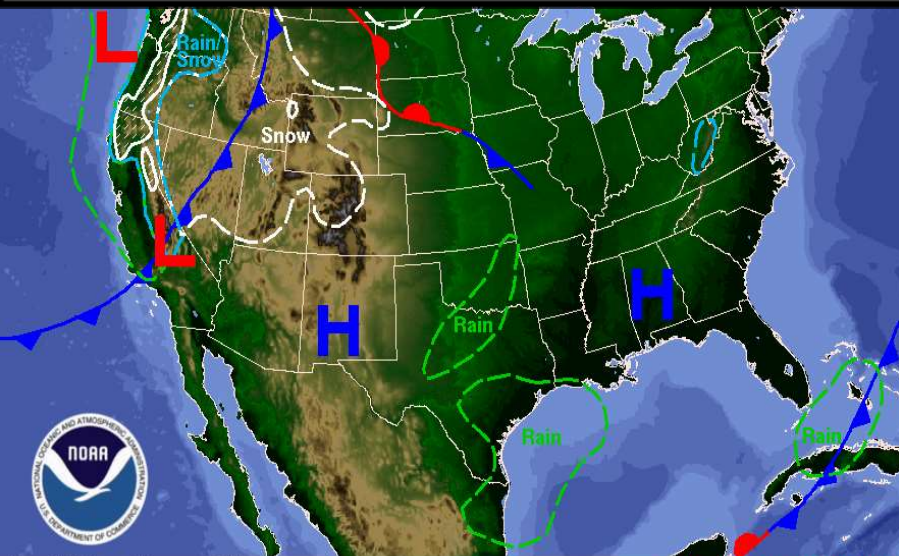
Valid Until: Jan 25 2018 0600 AM CST



NOAA  
National Weather Service  
Storm Prediction Center  
<http://www.spc.noaa.gov>

5 High  
4 Moderate  
3 Enhanced  
2 Slight  
1 Marginal  
Thunder

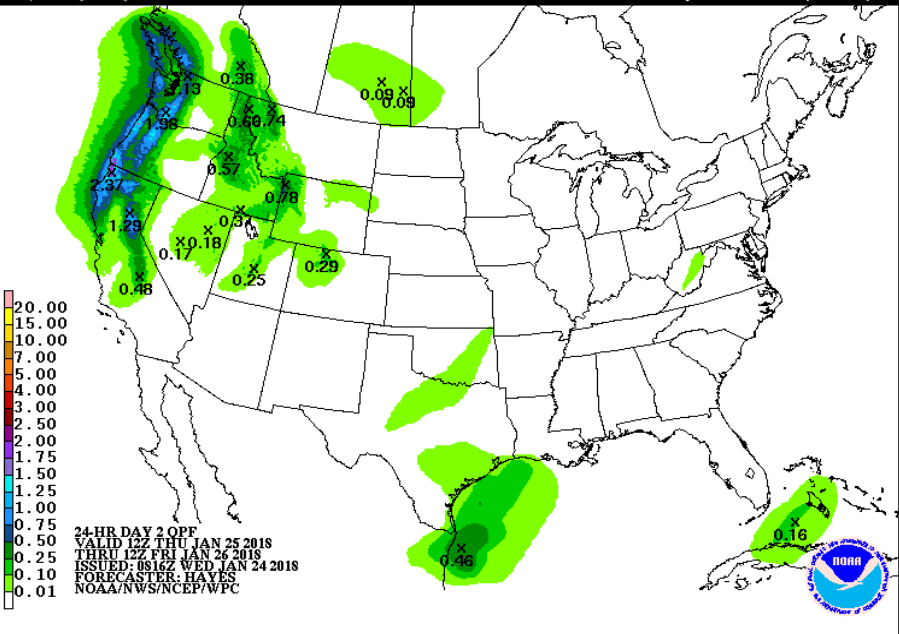
# Tomorrow's Weather



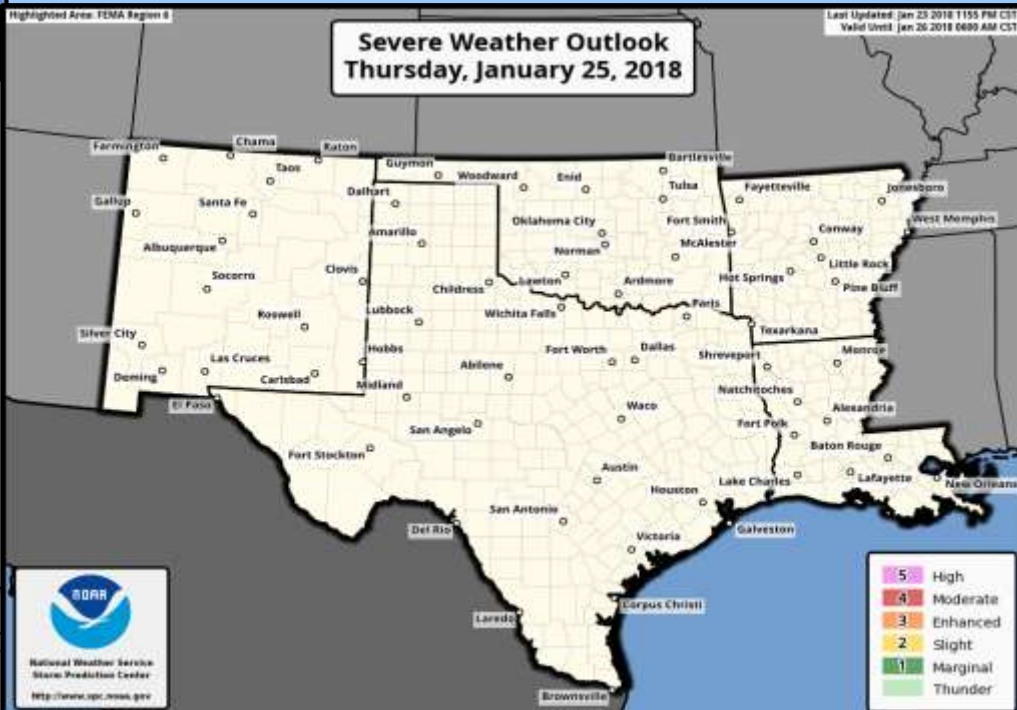
## Day 2 National Forecast Chart

Valid Thu, Jan 25, 2018, issued 4:19 AM EST Wed, Jan 24, 2018  
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Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)  
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)  
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)  
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

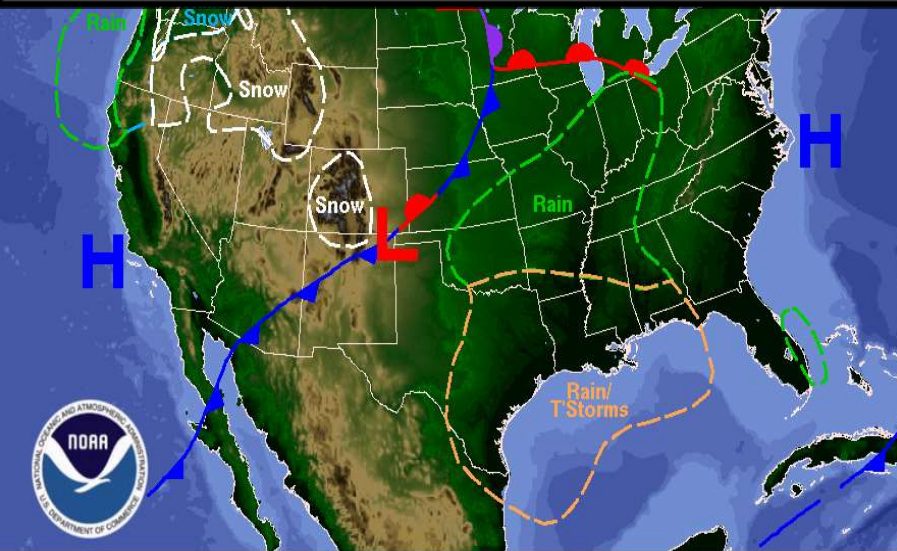


**Elevated to Critical Fire Weather conditions over  
E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK & W TX.**





# Friday's Weather

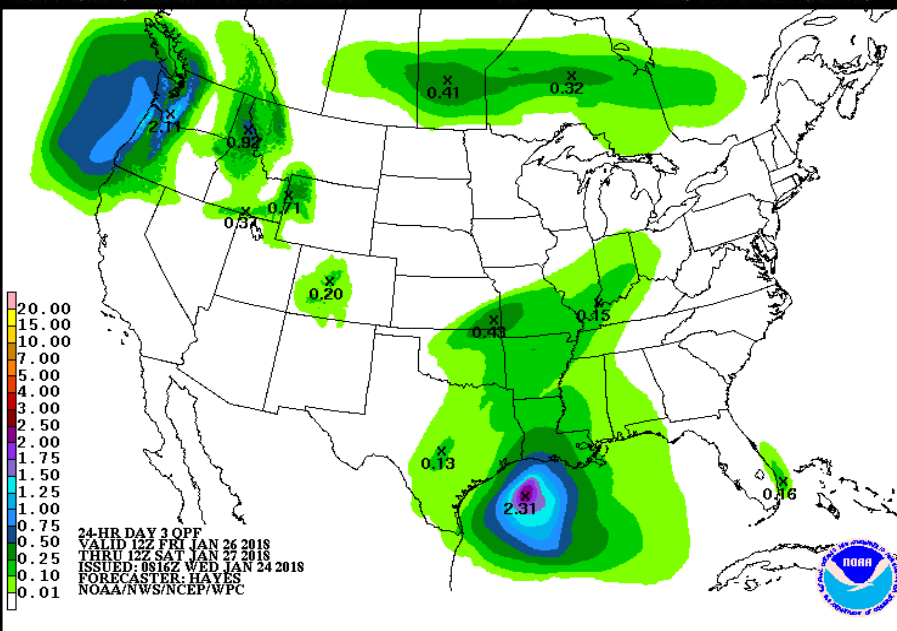


Elevated Fire Weather conditions possible for E NM, TX/OK Panhandles & W OK.

## Day 3 National Forecast Chart

Valid Fri, Jan 26, 2018, issued 4:22 AM EST Wed, Jan 24, 2018  
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Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

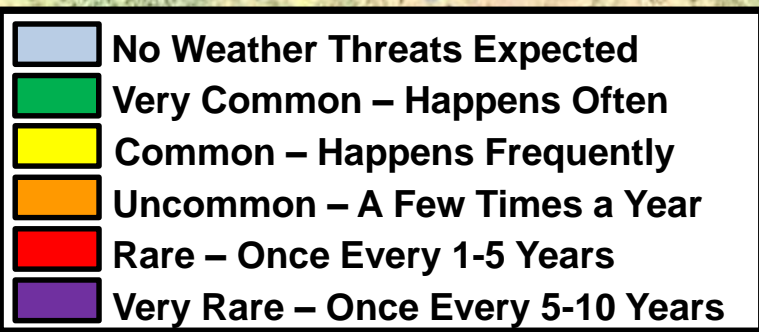
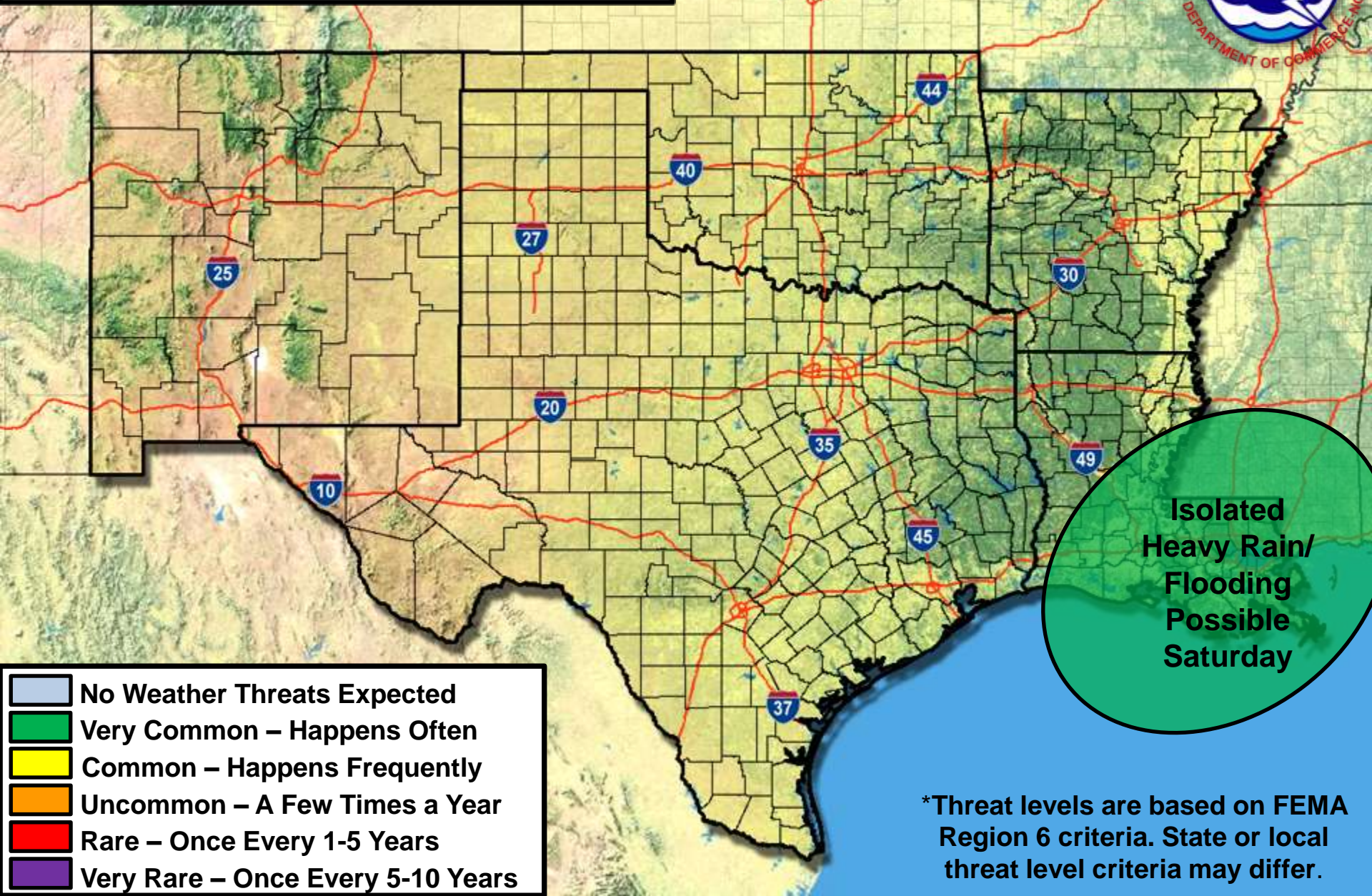
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Rain and T'Storms  
Rain and Snow  
Snow  
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)  
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)  
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Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)





# Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

## *Saturday - Sunday*



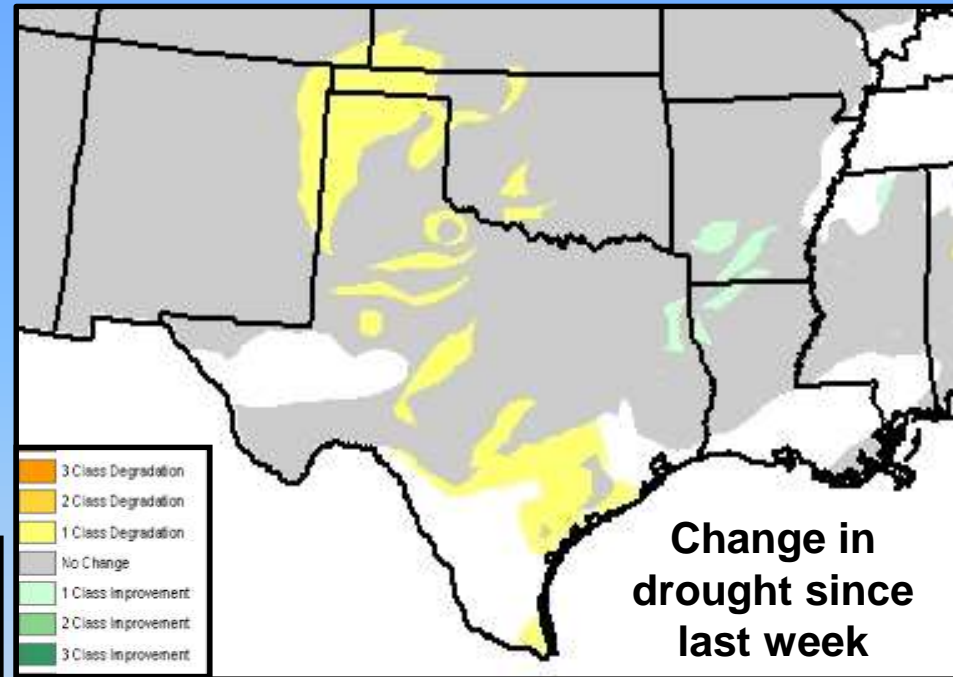
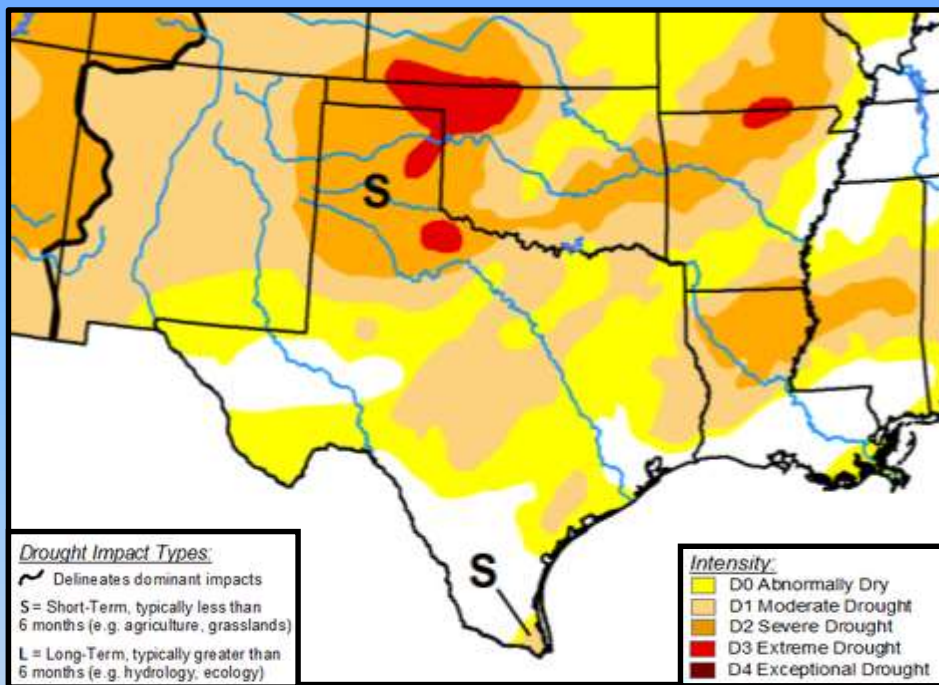
\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.





# Drought Monitor Released January 18, 2018

Data valid as of 6am CST, Tuesday, January 16, 2018



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	2.37%	2.37%	0.00%	2.02%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Oklahoma	12.10%	7.03%	0.00%	4.17%
Texas	2.01%	0.39%	0.00%	0.15%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



Normal Proton Background  
NOAA/SWPC Boulder, CO USA





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Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>